OPNA – neighborhood Association meeting
April 10, 2024
6:30 pm – South Pasadena City Hall
Appox. 60 in attendance

- **First Food drive**- was held along with other Neighborhood Associations in West St. Pete. We will do this on a quarterly basis. Next drive will be held on June 29th and 30th. Please mark your calendar now and plan to drop off canned and dry foods at Holly Edwards front porch, 7000 Mango Ave South.

- Speaker from the City of **St. Pete's Community Forestry and Tree inventory**, Dean Hay – dean.hay@stpete.org

    - In 2022, the City adopted a 30% tree canopy goal (by area) as a means to improve public health, increase energy efficiency, and foster community resilience. Currently, we are at 27.2%
    - 2023 – city moved to a community focus – what neighborhoods want
    - City has Mini grants available to neighborhood Associations– up to $10,000 – to plant shade trees – will start process in Summer
    - He suggested we conduct a tree inventory for neighborhood
    - Question: if developers are developing property with a lot of trees, can trees be preserved? City said trees need to be replaced and/or preserved. If trees are replaced, they are 2" in diameter
    - Lots of information at: https://www.stpete.org/residents/sustainability/trees.php

- **Jen Wright – St. Pete Police Dept.**
    - For non-emergency issues, call 727- 551-3183 It's a recorded line so leave name, ph. # and what issue is. Or send email to: District3@stpete.org
      Non-emergency number – 727-893-7780
    - Very little to report; one vehicle burglary; if we encounter panhandlers – do not give money; there are homeless outreach efforts that the city has
    - Urged us to lock car doors as there is a lot of car theft

- **Council Member Copley Gerdes** –Said due to city policy, he cannot listen to presentation about Church property and would have to leave before information is presented. send email if you have thoughts about project - Copley.gerdes@stpete.org
    - He entertained some general questions, including:
        - Question about prolific development – said there are restrictions on development; more here than downtown.
        - Central Ave road construction – should be complete by June/July of this year; Said that trees that have been removed will be replaced.
        - Flooding- city is removing trees that are in way of drainage; and has other initiatives to minimize flooding
        - Rays – council will vote on project in June? ; council is continuing to work on plan

- **Derek Kilborn– Director of Historic Preservation and urban planning.** derek.kilborn@stpete.org They process land use requests and prepare staff reports for commission and council.

    - The application for development on church property has been submitted and deemed complete. Application to rezone two blocks along 1st ave South containing preschool building and soccer field. Church is current owner of property; The church is under contract and if amendments are approved, then contract purchaser will buy property. At a minimum, the future land use map has to change if no longer a church. And amend zoning map from NT3 (single family w. ADU) to Neighborhood Suburban Muti family. Applicant is requesting NSM1

        - First step in process is May 14 —- Map amendment discussed by Community Planning and Preservation Commission (CPPC)

        - Meeting takes place Tuesday, May 14th – 2pm; council chambers in City Hall; . Information at www.stpete.org/cppc There are multiple items on agenda; Can look up agenda and see the order of applications. Look for string of links in a single string; click on agenda link. That will open all documents.

        - At commission hearing, staff presents report; applicant (property owner (church) has up to 10 min. to present. "Registered opponent" has to file through CPPC office and also has 10 min. to present. Then public comment period; each person has up to 3 min. to speak. Then cross examination. Then rebuttal and closing remarks. Then commissioners talk among themselves and vote. Their vote is a recommendation to council. Council will conduct their own public hearing and then vote.

        - Also written comments may be submitted to Kilbourne's office. Send written comments a week before their staff report is posted (May 7?)

        - It's good to have communication from the NA as well as individual comments. Need to submit comments in advance – prior to the weekend prior to the hearing. Public comments will need to address criteria that commission and council will use (things like density, parking)

        - If approved by commission, then goes to City Council for same process.

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        DATES:
        May 14th – PCCP commission
        June 6 – Council first reading – clerk reads and council sets next date; no public comments
        July 11 - Council second reading
        Sept 11 – County Commission
        October 15 – County vote (?)

MISC. OTHER NOTES:

Flum75 – Property owner – Pasadena Community Church; atty is representing church
Information will be posted 1 week early – May 7

Stpete.org/ldr – section number 16.70.040.1.1 – amendments to comprehensive plan; 11 criteria – questions about compatibility, land use; setbacks

Level of service analysis; include. Evaluation of services (transportation, water, sewer, etc)

Who has to pay for changes to sewer, runoff, etc.? Depends on level of service analysis.

If map amendment is approved, then several reviews will take place for permitting and development. Certain projects require a site plan review; over 60 units

Countywide plan map also will need to be amended.

Site plan review – that is stage where input is needed/valuable

Spot zoning – no relationship to what's happening around it.

Multifamily often serves as buffer between single family and commercial